

## COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### BOARD MEETING

### WORK SESSION MINUTES

February 05, 2020

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Alex Tardif, and Commissioner Margaret Magruder, Commissioner Henry Heimuller was not present. Public guest present were Susan Conn and Kelly Smith.

#### **Board Discussion:**

No Board Discussion was held.

#### **Adoption of Regional Health Improvement Plan:**

Michael Paul, Public Health Director introduced the Regional Health Improvement Plan and gave an overview of the report, as well as the authors and the need to complete a community health assessment and community health improvement plan. Commissioner Magruder asked about the cost of completing a plan and who the contributors of the plan were. Discussion followed. Guests asked about the source of the data. Discussion followed. Commissioner Tardif asked about the priorities of the plan, and who would be responsible for ensuring the priorities are appropriately funded. Discussion followed about the selection of the priorities and the funding of the priorities. The guests asked about how the plan fits in with the planning grants for school health services. Discussion followed. Commissioner Magruder and Commissioner Tardif directed Counsel to draft an ordinance to be added to the consent agenda for formal adoption of the plan. No action taken.

#### **Revenue Staff Team:**

Sarah Hanson, County Counsel Mike Russell, Public Works Director and Tristan Wood, Public Works Assistant Director representing the Revenue Project staff team updated the Board on the employee presentations given on January 29th. There were staff questions about the graphics on page 5 of the report which can give the impression that there is more revenue than expenses annually. Sarah will follow up with the consultant to obtain a supplemental explanation related to the graphics. A draft communications plan was then discussed. The Board would like more time to review the draft plan. The draft will be discussed at the next update meeting with the Board. The Jail levy was then discussed. The revenue staff team would like to help the Sheriff as much as possible and has invited the Sheriff to the next staff team meeting. Sarah and Mike reported that a meeting will be held on the 6th with the Parks Department to discuss the SDC timing. Mike and Casey Garrett will report back to the Board. The Board discussed hiring a consultant to assist with the revenue initiatives. Sarah will research options and the team will work on a scope to bring to the Board. Next, the timing of the transient lodging tax and registration fee measures were discussed. The Report timeline provides that both will go to the voters in November, 2020. Staff recommends that one go first. The Board indicated its preference for the transient lodging tax to go first. Finally, the Board discussed a draft In My Opinion article drafted by Karen Kane. The Board would like some time to review the document and provide input before it is issued. The Board will discuss it again at a later time. No action taken.

**Strategic Planning:**

Mike Russell, Public Works Director and Suzie Dahl, Building Official presented a scope of work and fee proposal from New Legends Now to continue working with the Strategic Planning Committee in developing the Columbia County Strategic Plan. The total fee proposed was \$25,500 for the January to December 2020 timeframe for facilitation and support in developing and implementing the organization’s Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Tardif said there are no funds available for this and he suggested that the committee ask the Department Heads if they would be willing to participate in funding the work.

Mr. Russell and Mrs. Dahl said they would and would work with the consultant to modify the scope. No action taken.

**Proposed 2020 Rules and Fees schedule for Parks:**

Casey Garrett, General Services Director, Lindsay Elder, General Services Administrator and Robin McIntyre Sr. Assistant County Counsel met with the Board to discuss the proposed revisions to the Columbia County Forests, Parks and Recreation program's Rules and Fees to take effect in 2020. Casey and Lindsay explained each of the proposed changes and answered questions regarding why each change has been proposed. The Board recommended a few minor edits to the document before being put on the consent agenda for final approval. No action taken.

**Scappoose Drainage Dist.:**

Updated results of their "seepage" study pertaining to the mining operations on Honeyman Road (Cal Portland pit). No action was taken

**MTR rate increase proposal:**

This item has been rescheduled for 02.19.2020

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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Board Office Administrator

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alex Tardif, Chair

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Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Not present \_\_\_\_\_  
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner